

WTVA TV
Tupelo, MS
July 2008 - September 2008

1. Government

Focus with Terry Smith

A report on the special state legislative session coming up on August 4, 2008. State Rep. Steve Holland and Alan Nunelee appeared with WTVA's Terry Smith. Topics included how to deal with the Medicaid budget shortfall and how to deal with it. Should we have a higher tobacco tax?

Air Date: 7/12/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

2. Higher Education (College Athletics)

Focus with Terry Smith

An interview with Mississippi State University Athletic Director Greg Byrne. He has just started in this position and he talks about the future of MSU Sports.

Air Date: 7/19/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

Focus with Terry Smith

An interview with The University of Mississippi Athletic Director Pete Boone. Mr. Boone talks about the short-term and long-term goals of the college's sports programs.

Air Date: 7/26/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

3. Philanthropy

Focus with Terry Smith

Helping Other People Everyday (H.O.P.E.) Executive Director Dorris Gathings discusses the organization, which helps people with utility bills and food expenses. Also, they help encourage people to get GED certificates.

Air Date: 8/2/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

4. Children

Focus with Terry Smith

Tupelo Children's Mansion. They are celebrating 55 years and talk about upcoming children served there. Burton Garr, director of special projects is interviewed.

Air Date: 8/9/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

5. Health

Focus with Terry Smith

Neonatal Intensive Care Reunion. The service has been in place for 22 years, and they are planning a reunion on 9/6/08 for people who have been served by them. Ellen Friloux at North Mississippi Medical Center is interviewed.

Air Date: 8/16/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

Focus with Terry Smith

Bariatric Surgery. This surgery is discussed and how it affects people. Dr. Terry Penson and pharmacist Jim Bain appear.

Air Date: 9/27/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

6. Education

Focus with Terry Smith

Educational announcement. Lewis Whitfield with CREATE Foundation and Bobby Smith with the Lee County Board of Supervisors talk about how Itawamba community College will provide free tuition to students who qualify.

Air Date: 8/23/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

7. Relief Efforts

Focus with Terry Smith

Hurricane Katrina recovery. On the third anniversary of the hurricane, Waveland, Ms Mayor Tommy Longo talks about the rebuilding effort and its status.

Air Date: 8/30/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm